

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-296-C - ORDER NO. 93-680 *✓c*
JULY 29, 1993

IN RE: Request of Chesnee Telephone Company for)	ORDER
the Establishment of Depreciation Rates)	APPROVING
for Fiber Cable Accounts)	DEPRECIATION
)	RATES

On May 18, 1993, Chesnee Telephone Company (Chesnee or the Company) filed a request with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval to establish depreciation rates for its Aerial, Buried and Underground fiber cable accounts. This Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-350 (1976), as amended.

By letter dated June 2, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation, in the area affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's Application and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file appropriate pleadings. The Company submitted an affidavit indicating that it had complied with these instructions. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received.

The Company proposes the following depreciation rates:

Aerial Fiber Cable	6.0%
Buried Fiber Cable	5.5%
Underground Fiber Cable	5.3%

The Commission has examined the Company's Application and believes that the depreciation rates proposed by Chesnee are within the normal range of fiber depreciation rates established for telecommunication companies in South Carolina. The Commission therefore believes that said depreciation rates should be approved as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


1. The fiber depreciation rates as stated above as proposed by Chesnee Telephone Company are hereby approved as filed.
2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



VICE Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

(SEAL)